

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. **(Previously presented)** A composition for organ preservation, comprising an inulin type fructan as an active ingredient in an amount effective for preservation of the organ, wherein the composition comprises:

(a) inulin type fructan	3.5 - 300 g/L;
(b) Na ⁺	5 - 150 mM;
(c) K ⁺	5 - 150 mM;
and	
(d) at least one component selected from the group consisting of Cl ⁻ , HCO ₃ ⁻ , CO ₃ ²⁻ , organic acids, and organic acid anions	10 - 150 mM.
2. **(Original)** The composition for organ preservation according to claim 1, wherein the inulin type fructan is a mixture of two or more inulin type fructans selected from inulin type fructans having a degree of polymerization of 3 to 6.
3. **(Original)** The composition for organ preservation according to claim 1, wherein the inulin type fructan is 1-kestose.
4. **(Original)** The composition for organ preservation according to claim 1, wherein the inulin type fructan is nystose.
5. **(Cancelled).**
6. **(Previously presented)** The composition for organ preservation according to claim 1, which further comprises at least one of:

(e) Mg ²⁺	0 - 20 mM;
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| (f) Ca^{2+} | 0 - 5 mM; |
| (g) H_2PO_4^- and/or HPO_4^{2-} | 0 - 150 mM; |
| and | |
| (h) hydroxyethyl starch | 0 - 100 g/L. |

7. **(Previously presented)** The composition for organ preservation according to claim 1, for suppressing or improving hypofunction of and damage to an organ during an organ transplantation process.

8. **(Previously presented)** A method for preserving an organ, comprising the step of bringing an effective amount for organ preservation of the composition for organ preservation according to claim 1 into contact with an organ.

9. **(Original)** The method according to claim 8, wherein said contact is carried out by perfusing the organ with the composition for organ preservation.

10. **(Currently amended)** A method for suppressing hypofunction of and damage to an organ during an organ transplantation process, or improving hypofunction of ~~and damage to~~ an organ during an organ transplantation process, said method comprising the step of bringing an effective amount for suppression or improvement of the composition for organ preservation according to claim 1 into contact with an organ.

11. **(Previously presented)** The method according to claim 8, wherein said organ is selected from the group consisting of kidney, liver, heart, lung, and pancreas.

Claims 12-17. **(Cancelled).**